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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 5152

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GAS: PIPELINE TO EUROPE

REF: BONN 9858

1. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR ULY 15, TAQI MOSSADEGHI, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL IRANIAN GAS COMPANY, SAID THAT EXAMINATION OF GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS INDICATED THAT ONLY FEASIBLE PLAN WOULD BE PIPELINE TO TURKISH MEDITERRANEAN PORT. (ANKARA 5596 NOTAL REPORTED TURKISH PREMIER RECENTLY SAID GOI HAS AGAIN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ISKENDERUN PIPELINE TERMINAL.) GAS WOULD BE LIQUIFIED AT PIPELINE MEDITERRANEAN TERMINAL AND SENT TO EUROPE BY TANKER. HE SAID LINE WOULD CONSIST OF TWO PIPES WITH TOTAL ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 40 BILLION CUBIC METERS.

2. MOSSADEGHI IS HARD-HEADED CAPABLE MAN WITH GOOD BACKGROUND IN HIS FIELD. HE IS LEERY OF PIPELINES IN PRINCIPLE AFTER ABAD
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EXPERIENCE WITH IGAT. WE SUSPECT HE PRIVATELY SHARES NEGATIVE

VIEWS OF GERMAN EXPERTS (PARA 4 REFTEL), BUT MUST SUPPORT
WHAT HAS APPARENTLY BECOME PET PROJECT OF SHAH . BONN REFTEL
MOST HELPFUL IN PROVIDING PERSPECTIVE ON PIPELINE CONCEPT,
WHICH SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE BALLYHOO HERE AS NEW GOI-CONSORTIUM
ARRANGEMENTS GO THROUGH PROCESS OF APPROVAL BY IRANIAN PARLIAMENT
AND SHAH.

3. MOSSADEGHI ALSO TOLD AMBASSADOR OF HIS IMPENDING DEPARTURE
FOR MOSCOW (LEFT JULY 18) TO NEGOTIATE ON INCREASE IN PRICE OF
IGAT GAS. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO STAY UNTIL SOMETHING WAS
PRODUCED WHICH PRIME MINISTER CAN SIGN DURING HIS VISIT TO
USSR.
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